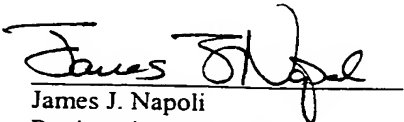


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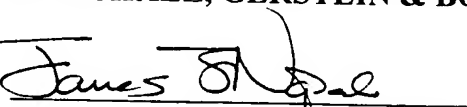
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Filing Date Granted mailed June 21, 2002, Applicant respectfully submits a  
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Our check in the amount of \$130.00 covering the fee set forth in 37  
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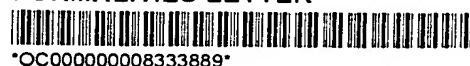
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Items Required To Avoid Abandonment:Docketed: 8-21-02

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is missing.  
*A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.*
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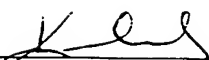
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